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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 6731

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM PESHAWAR CONSUL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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7?: BHUTTO EXPOUNDS ON WORLD AFFAIRS, AYUB AND J.A. RAHIM

1. PRIMIN BHUTTO SPENT AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF JULY 9  
IN PESHAWAR BEFORE EMBARKING ON HIS FOUR-DAY TOUR OF  
NORTHERN FRONTIER DISTRICTS. IN MARKED CONTRAST TO  
PREVIOUS VISITS TO PESHAWAR DURING PAST 10 MONTHS, PRIMIN  
MADE SPECIAL EFFORT TO MEET AND BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH  
AMERICAN CONSUL.

2. AT DINNER PARTY HELD IN PRIMIN'S HONOR AT GOVERNMENT  
HOUSE, CONSUL WAS ASKED TO SIT WITH PRIMIN AND HIS SMALL  
PARTY CONSISTING OF NWFP GOVERNOR, CHIEF MINISTER, CHIEF  
JUSTICE AND EX-GOVERNOR ASLAM KHATTAK. OCCASION WAS OF  
SOME INTEREST IN THAT FOR FIRST 10 MINUTES OF DINNER  
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PRIMIN HEAPED PRIASE ON US AND EXPOUNDED AT SOME LENGTH

ON MATTERS AMERICAN. AT ONE POINT HE ANNOUNCED IN A RATHER CASUAL WAY THAT HE HAD RECENTLY OUSTED FORMER CENTRAL MINISTER J. A. RAHIM FROM HIS CABINET FOR HAVING SAID THAT HE (BHUTTO) WAS AN AGENT OF THE CIA. TURNING TO CONSUL HE THEN ASKED: "DO YOU THINK I AM A CIA AGENT?"

3. MUCH OF THE CONVERSATION WAS DEVOTED TO ANALYZING AND CRITICIZING EX-PRESIDENT AYUB. PRIMIN AND SOME OF THE OTHERS AT TABLE HAD STORIES TO TELL WHICH UNDERSCORED POINT THAT AYUB HAD TREATED HIS SO-CALLED FRIENDS AND SUBORDINATES IN RUTHLESS MANNER. BHUTTO INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE PRIDED HIMSELF ON MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH HIS OLD FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES DESPITE POLITICAL DIFFERENCES. WHILE TALKING IN THIS VEIN, HE TURNED TO CONSUL AND SAID: "TELL ME HONESTLY, DID YOU EXPECT TO SEE ASLAM KHATTAK DINING WITH ME TONIGHT?"

4. COMMENT: DURING HIS BRIEF STAY IN PESHAWAR PRIMIN BHUTTO WENT TO CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE TO SHOW THAT HE AND ASLAM KHATTAK ARE ON GOOD TERMS. NOT ONLY DID PRIMIN FAVOR KHATTAK WITH HIS COMPANY AT DINNER AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, BUT ON THE AFTERNOON OF HIS ARRIVAL HE MADE A SPECIAL TRIP TO SEE THE FORMER GOVERNOR AT HIS HOME.

5. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION IN PESHAWAR ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE OF DISMISSAL OF J. A. RAHIM FROM CABINET. ONE LOCAL PAKISTAN PEOPLES' PARTY LEADER AT JULY 9 DINNER INSISTED TO CONSUL THAT BHUTTO TOOK THIS ACTION TO INDICATE TO THE WORLD--BUT ESPECIALLY TO THE AMERICANS-- THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS ABANDONED SOCIALISM COMPLETELY. BYROADE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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